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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

## 1. A coated article comprising:

a layer system supported by a glass substrate, said layer system comprising a metal nitride inclusive layer located between first and second dielectric layers, wherein the second dielectric layer is at least partially nitrided and positioned so that the metal nitride inclusive layer is between the second dielectric layer and the glass substrate; and wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta E^*_T$  value no greater than 5.0 after at least about 5 minutes of heat treatment at a temperature(s) of at least about 600 degrees C.

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2. The coated article of claim 1, wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta E^*_T$  value no greater than 4.0 after said heat treatment.

3. The coated article of claim 1, wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta E^*_T$  value no greater than 3.0 after said heat treatment, and wherein the coated article has a transmissive  $a^*$  color value that is negative both before and after said heat treatment.

4. The coated article of claim 1, wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta a^*$  value no greater than 1.3 following said heat treatment.

5. The coated article of claim 4, wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta a^*$  value no greater than 1.1 following said heat treatment.

6. The coated article of claim 5, wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta a^*$  value no greater than 0.8 following said heat treatment.

7. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the coated article has a transmissive  $a^*$  color value that is negative both before and after said heat treatment.

8. The coated article of claim 1, wherein said metal nitride inclusive layer comprises  $\text{NiCrN}_x$ .

9. The coated article of claim 8, wherein said second dielectric layer comprises silicon nitride.

10. The coated article of claim 1, wherein said first dielectric layer comprises silicon nitride and is from 30-250 Å thick, said metal nitride inclusive layer comprises  $\text{NiCrN}_x$  and is from 20-600 Å thick, and said second dielectric layer comprises silicon nitride and is from 100-500 Å thick.

11. The coated article of claim 10, wherein said first dielectric layer is from 50-120 Å thick, said metal nitride inclusive layer is from 50-350 Å thick, and said second dielectric layer is from 210-310 Å thick.

12. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the article is characterized by the following transmissive color characteristics before said heat treatment:

a\* 0.0 to - 5.0

b\* - 2.0 to - 15.0

5 L\* 10.0 to 70.0.

13. The coated article of claim 12, wherein the article is characterized by the following transmissive color characteristics before said heat treatment:

10 a\* 0.0 to - 2.0

b\* - 3.0 to - 9.0

L\* 20.0 to 50.0.

14. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the coated article has a sheet  
15 resistance ( $R_s$ ) of no greater than 250 ohms/sq. after said heat treatment, and wherein  
said heat treatment causes sheet resistance of said coated article to decrease.

15. A coated article comprising:

a layer system supported by a glass substrate, said layer system comprising a  
20 metal nitride inclusive layer located between said glass substrate and an at least  
partially nitrated dielectric layer, wherein the metal nitride comprises at least one of  
 $\text{NiN}_x$  and  $\text{CrN}_x$  and contacts said dielectric layer; and

wherein said coated article has a glass side reflective  $\Delta E^*_G$  value no greater than 5.0 in view of thermal tempering including heat treating for at least about 5 minutes.

16. The coated article of claim 15, wherein said coated article has a  $\Delta E^*_G$  value  
5 no greater than 4.0 after said thermal tempering.

17. The coated article of claim 16, wherein said coated article has a  $\Delta E^*_G$  value  
no greater than 3.0 after heat treatment comprising heat treatment for at least about 5  
minutes at temperature of at least about 600 degrees C, and wherein the coated article  
10 has a glass side reflective  $a^*$  color value that is negative both before and after said heat  
treatment.

18. The coated article of claim 15, wherein said coated article has a glass side  
reflective  $\Delta a^*$  value no greater than 1.0 following said thermal tempering.  
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19. The coated article of claim 18, wherein said coated article has a glass side  
reflective  $\Delta a^*$  value no greater than 0.6 following said thermal tempering.

20. The coated article of claim 18, wherein said coated article has a glass side  
20 reflective  $\Delta a^*$  value no greater than 0.3 following said thermal tempering.

21. The coated article of claim 15, wherein the coated article has a glass side  
reflective  $a^*$  color value that is negative both before and after said thermal tempering.

22. The coated article of claim 15, wherein said metal nitride inclusive layer comprises  $\text{NiCrN}_x$ .

23. The coated article of claim 15, wherein said dielectric layer is in contact  
5 with said metal nitride inclusive layer and comprises silicon nitride.

24. The coated article of claim 15, wherein the coated article has a sheet resistance ( $R_s$ ) of no greater than 500 ohms/sq. after said thermal tempering, and wherein said thermal tempering causes sheet resistance of said coated article to  
10 decrease.

25. A coated article comprising:

a layer system supported by a glass substrate, said layer system comprising a  $\text{NiCrN}_x$  inclusive layer wherein at least 50% of the Cr is nitrided, said  $\text{NiCrN}_x$  inclusive  
15 layer being located between and contacting first and second dielectric layers, wherein the second dielectric layer is at least partially nitrided and positioned so that the  $\text{NiCrN}_x$  inclusive layer is between the second dielectric layer and the glass substrate; and

wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta E^*_T$  value no greater than 5.0 following or due to heat treatment.

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26. The coated article of claim 25, wherein said  $\text{NiCrN}_x$  inclusive layer is sufficiently nitrided so that the coated article has a  $\Delta E^* \leq 4.0$  following heat treatment for at least about 5 minutes at temperature of at least 600 degrees C.

27. A method of making a coated article, the method comprising:

providing a glass substrate;

depositing a metal on the substrate in an atmosphere including a significant amount of nitrogen in order to form a metal nitride inclusive layer on the glass

5 substrate;

depositing a dielectric nitride inclusive layer on the substrate over the metal nitride inclusive layer; and

heat treating the article which includes at least the metal nitride inclusive layer and the dielectric nitride inclusive layer for at least 5 minutes, the metal nitride

10 inclusive layer being nitrified to an extent so that after said heat treating the article has a  $\Delta E$  value of no greater than 5.0.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the article has a  $\Delta E$  value of no greater than 4.0.

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29. The method of claim 28, wherein the article has a  $\Delta E$  value of no greater than 3.0.

30. The method of claim 27, further comprising depositing another dielectric  
20 layer onto the substrate, so that the metal nitride inclusive layer is deposited onto the substrate over the another dielectric layer.

31. The method of claim 27, where the metal nitride inclusive layer comprises  $\text{NiCrN}_x$ , and wherein the dielectric nitride comprises silicon nitride.

32. The method of claim 27, wherein the  $\Delta E$  value is transmissive or glass side reflective.

33. The method of claim 27, wherein the metal nitride comprises  $\text{CrN}_x$ .

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34. A coated article comprising:

a layer system supported by a glass substrate, said layer system comprising a metal nitride inclusive layer located between first and second dielectric layers, wherein the second dielectric layer is at least partially nitrided and positioned so that the metal  
10 nitride inclusive layer is between the second dielectric layer and the glass substrate; and wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta a^*$  value no greater than 1.1 after at least about 5 minutes of heat treatment at temperature of at least about 600 degrees C.

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35. The coated article of claim 34, wherein said coated article has a transmissive  $\Delta a^*$  value no greater than 0.8 after at least about 5 minutes of heat treatment at temperature of at least about 600 degrees C.

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36. A method of making a coated article, the method comprising:

providing a glass substrate;

depositing a metal on the substrate in an atmosphere including a significant amount of nitrogen in order to form a metal nitride inclusive layer on the glass substrate;



depositing a dielectric nitride inclusive layer on the substrate over the metal nitride inclusive layer; and

heat treating the article which includes at least the metal nitride inclusive layer and the dielectric nitride inclusive layer for at least 5 minutes, the metal nitride inclusive layer being nitrided to an extent so that after said heat treating the article has a transmissive  $\Delta a^*$  value of no greater than 1.1.

37. The coated article of claim 1, wherein said coated article has a glass side reflective  $\Delta b^*_G$  value no greater than 1.1 following said heat treatment.

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38. The coated article of claim 1, wherein said coated article has a glass side reflective  $\Delta b^*_G$  value no greater than 0.7 following said heat treatment.

39. The coated article of claim 15, wherein said coated article has a glass side reflective  $\Delta b^*_G$  value no greater than 1.1 following said thermal tempering.

40. The coated article of claim 25, wherein said coated article has a glass side reflective  $\Delta b^*_G$  value no greater than 1.1 following said heat treatment.

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41. A coated article comprising:  
a layer system supported by a glass substrate, said layer system comprising a metal nitride inclusive layer located between first and second dielectric layers, wherein the second dielectric layer is at least partially nitrided and positioned so that the metal

nitride inclusive layer is between the second dielectric layer and the glass substrate; and  
wherein said coated article has a glass side reflective  $\Delta b^*_G$  value no greater than 1.1 after at least about 5 minutes of heat treatment at temperature of at least about 600 degrees C.

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42. The coated article of claim 41, wherein said coated article has a glass side reflective  $\Delta b^*_G$  value no greater than 0.7 following said heat treatment.